

Six Year Pact Signed Friday By Clerks

One of the longest labor-management pacts on record was completed here Friday morning when representatives of Retail Clerks, Local 905 and the Harbor Area Employers' Council inked a six-year contract which can be reopened only for wage adjustment before Feb. 3, 1962.

Hailed as a move toward stabilizing the mercantile industry's labor-management relation in the Harbor area, the agreement was announced jointly by Ben N. Scott, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO clerks local; and Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

Valuable Manuscripts.

Acquisition of Spanish manuscript pages valued in excess of \$1,000 which date back to the 1300's was announced Saturday by Dr. William H. Harless, Director of Instruction at El Camino College.

New Phone Service

Telephone service will be installed at Torrance Blvd. and Anza and at 5225 Laurette today as a stop-gap measure for residents of the new home development in west Torrance, it was announced here Saturday by H. C. Vaupel, manager of the General Telephone Co. office for the area.

Manslaughter Hinted

Allegations that the driver of a vehicle involved in a fatal crash here early Christmas morning failed to "stop, or avoid the collision although having the time, means, and ability to do so," were revealed in a lawsuit asking \$206,000 filed last week in Los Angeles Superior Court by the widow of the accident victim.

Officer Injured

A Torrance man landed in jail here early Saturday morning after police were called out to break up a family argument that ended with his wife in the hospital, the victim of a severe beating.

Connie Mack Dalrymple, of 2013 W. 178th St., was arrested by officers and charged with assault and battery after a woman at 2033 W. 178th St. called authorities into action. She told police that there was an injured woman at her house.

Water Dispute Looms

An attempt by Dominguez Water Co. to annul agreements with the city for water service to the Kauffman housing development west of Hawthorne Ave. and south of 180th St. will be fought with all the resources of the city, it was reported last week and by City Manager George Stevens.

New Hotel Proposed

Under study today by a special Planning Commission committee are plans to construct a 106-room hotel in the southwest corner of the city at the Torrance-Palos Verdes line.

Commission Secretary George Powell reported that the developers of home tracts in the area, the Don-Ja-Ran Co., has sought city approval of their proposal to build a resort-type structure on the beach frontage west of Palos Verdes Blvd.

Industrial Tract

Construction on the first of approximately 20 industrial plant buildings in the "McDonald Brothers Torrance Industrial Tract" at Carson St. and Crenshaw Blvd. is now under way and will be ready for occupancy on May 1, it was announced here Saturday by Lloyd McDonald, partner of the large developing and construction firm.

Recreation Meeting

Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of recreation, Torrance, will be a member of the Family Recreation Institute Planning Committee at the eighth annual California Recreation Conference, Feb. 12-15 in San Diego.

North Torrance Group to Dance

The North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. will be joined by neighboring groups at a Valentine Dance to be held in the Eagles Lodge, 128 S. Catalina, Redondo, Saturday evening beginning at 9 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from William Freeman, president of the Southwest Park Civic Assn., FR 9-5509; Clarence DeCamp, Puchsia Society, DA 4-5209; Ev Carlstrom, DR 4-0640; or Bonita Nobbe, FR 2-0823.

Tommy Dragna's band will furnish the music. President and Mrs. John Kesson, of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary the following day.

Civic Association Starts Work Against Flood Problems of Area

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DA 4-7274

Last night I attended the regular monthly meeting of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. I was impressed—and embarrassed—that I had lived here for more than three years and never attended before. The scope of activity revealed by the evening's discussion was surprising. Also the welcome extended to those attending for the first time who had previously come to air a complaint. Action was started on at least three matters of prime concern to these guests, many of whom joined the organization before leaving. Letters of protest to a private bowling alley are being sent to the Torrance Planning Commission and the Torrance City Council. Two letters to the Los Angeles County Supervisors with copies to the press regarding the condition of Dominguez Channel and its adjoining properties and the other concerning the condition of the storm drain on Glenburn and its attendant problems. Individuals are urged to follow this example. Damage done by floods in past years has resulted in action being taken to alleviate these conditions in other areas. At those times our home were not here, the potential damage to life and property was not great. Obviously the situation has changed and the authorities must be made aware of this fact.

May I insert a bit of humor here? The story is going the rounds about a naval medical officer who lives on Glenburn—"Big Ditch" fame, who was hauling wheelbarrow loads of dirt to fill in a "little ditch" made by one of the contractors' machines in front of his house. Becoming tired, he rested his arm on his shovel and watched the men putting around the job. Soon the foreman came over and said, "Buddy, I've been watching you for 12 minutes and you haven't moved."

"You're fired!" This you missed if you didn't attend the NTICIA meeting. Next meeting will be on the first Thursday of March at McMasters (we hope).

Mrs. James Holmes, 16639 Ogram, and Mrs. J. L. Blair, 16631 Ogram, hosted a baby shower for Mrs. Norman Drago. Luncheon was served to 15 guests, some of whom came from as far away as Simi.

Lucy Johnson, 16632 Genburn, reports a tricycle, apparently new, appeared on her driveway some time ago. She has protected it during the rain and at night but each day it has been sitting on her driveway in the hope its owner would see it and claim it.

The Cub Scout Mothers Club, Pack 761-C, were busy as bees at their meeting Wednesday at the home of president, Mrs. J. Hernan Cortez. Plans for the Blue and Gold Banquet, to be held Feb. 6 at Gardena Youth Center, were completed and two money making projects were started. You'll hear more about the apron deal later and if you have a boy in the pack you can expect "The Gypsy Food Basket," but soon. Two lists were prepared and started on their way yesterday. Two families should be enjoying an unexpected treat tonight. Next meeting will be on the first Wednesday of March at the home of Mrs. Harold Wright.

Have you visited the new super market yet? Mrs. Craig's second grade class at Evelyn Carr School has gone into business. They are getting practical experience in making and receiving change, adding and subtracting, as well as reading and writing lists and the responsibility of carrying money and goods to and from school. There are some 50 items offered for sale ranging from tomato juice bottles and valentines. The kids are having a ball. It takes a teacher with nerve to under-

take such a project and how can kids help learning a lot from a gal like that? We've some wonderful teachers in Torrance.

The Benefit Square Dance and Pie Social scheduled by Boy Scout Troop 761 for Feb. 18, has been postponed until Mar 3 at Verburg's Barn, 2019 174th St.

Mrs. Olive Hunter, 16715 Falda Ave. entrained Wednesday for Chicago where she is to be guest of honor at the chapter anniversary celebration of the Lawn chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. She is past worthy matron and the date was made seven years ago. Before returning to hubby, Milton, and son Bill, she will visit relatives throughout the mid-west.

That beautiful turquoise and white hardtop convertible being driven by the Kenneth Parks, 16716 Falda Ave., is the most.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Neumann, 3804 W. 181st St., and Karer Sue and Arthur Jr., played hooky from church Sunday. They drove to Ojai where they lunched at beautiful Ojai Inn and enjoyed the scenery and atmosphere.

Phillip Brooks, 16818 Thornburgh, has returned from New York where he presented a paper to the International Conference on Structural Fatigue at Columbia University. This time he took the Super Chief in

way shows. . . .

On Jan. 11, Francis Joseph was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuta. Weighing in at 6 lbs., 13 oz., he joins brother, Johnny, age 3, at 17216 Wilton Pl.

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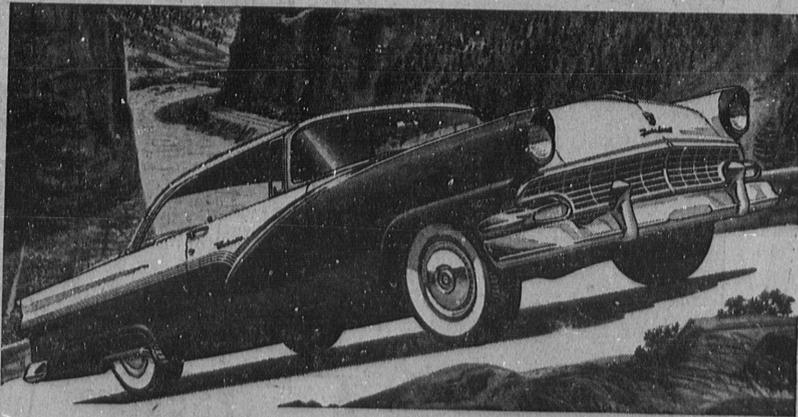
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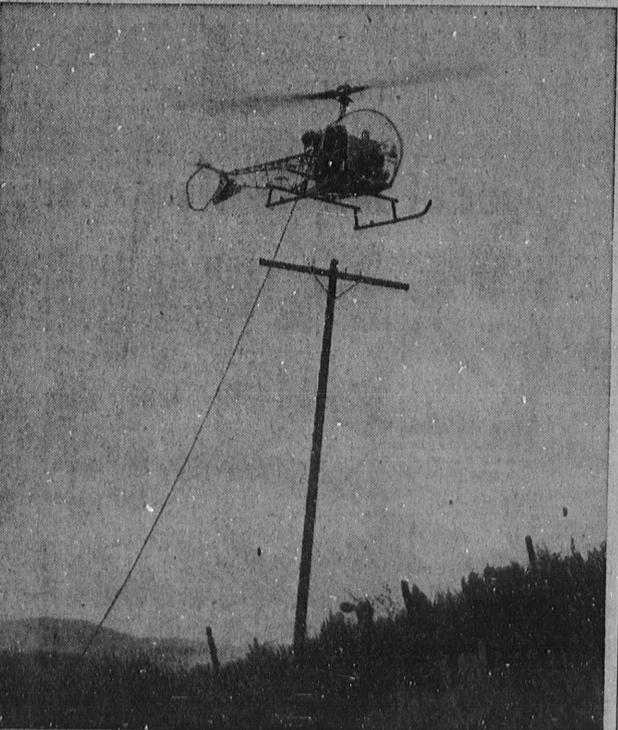
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